

REMARKS

The Official Action dated October 12, 2005 as been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herein, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(b), as it cancels claims and makes changes of form to comply with an objection set forth in the previous final Office Action. Entry of the amendment, reconsideration and an early allowance is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to claim 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but noted that it would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. By present amendment, claim 31 has been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of claims 26 and 27. The objection is traversed. Reconsideration and an early allowance is requested.

Also by present amendment, claims 28 and 32 have been amended to depend on claim 31. As claim 31 is now allowable, dependent claims 28-30 and 32 are now allowable. The rejection of these claims is traversed. Reconsideration and an early allowance is requested.

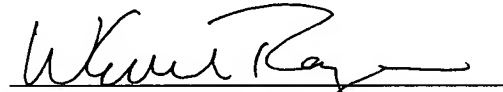
The Examiner rejected claims 26-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nannen (5906051). By present amendment, claims 26 and 27 have been canceled, and claims 28 and 30 are now dependent upon allowable claim 31. The rejection is traversed. Reconsideration and an early allowance is requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 26-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harb (6052974). By present amendment, claims 26 and 27 have been canceled, and claims 28 and 30 are now dependent upon allowable claim 31. The rejection is traversed. Reconsideration and an early allowance is requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 26-30 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sweet (4205439). By present amendment, claims 26 and 27 have been canceled, and claims 28-30 and 32 are now dependent upon allowable claim 31. The rejection is traversed. Reconsideration and an early allowance is requested.

The objection to claim 31, and the rejections of the remaining claims, have been traversed with respect to all claims, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the objection and rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), and places the present application in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(b), as it cancels claims and makes changes of form to comply with an objection set forth in the previous Office Action. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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